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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. AT ABOUT 0330 MORNING OF MARCH 23, SOUTH KOREAN GUARD POST ON SEOUL-SIDE BANK OF HAN RIVER OPENED MACHINE GUN FIRE ON THREE SUSPECTED INFILTRATORS WHO HAD BEEN SIGHTED AN HOUR EARLIER COMING FROM WATER. AT FIRST LIGHT, 0430, ROK SEARCH TEAM LOCATED TWO WET SUIT CLAD BODIES ON RIVER BANK AND AT 0630 FOUND A THIRD BODY. NORTH KOREANS WERE EQUIPPED WITH SMALL ARMS, DEMOLITION EXPLOSIVES, RADIOS, AND OTHER ASSORTED AGENT GEAR. SOUTH KOREAN RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED APPREHENSION AND SHOOTING OF INFILTRATORS.
3. AFTERNOON OF MARCH 23, UN COMMAND CALLED FOR MARCH 27 MEETING OF MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, COMMAND DOES NOT EXPECT REPLY FROM NORTH KOREAN SIDE BEFORE MARCH 26. GLEYSTEEN
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